Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Hanover County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: TBD to 11:59 p.m. on TBD.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Hanover County, P. O. Box 470, Hanover, Virginia 23069-0470; VPDES Permit Number VA0029521.

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Doswell Wastewater Treatment Plant, 15468 Theme Park Way, Doswell, Virginia 23047.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Hanover County has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Doswell Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater and treated industrial wastewater (from the Bear Island Paper Company) at a rate of 6.34 million gallons per day into a water body. Sludge from the Doswell treatment process will be disposed at a sanitary landfill; sludge from the Bear Island treatment process will be incinerated in the facility's bark burner. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into the North Anna River in Hanover County in the York River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: Organic matter, solids, and nutrients. This facility is subject to the requirements of 9 VAC 25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia (i.e., the nutrient general permit or WGP). This facility is registered for coverage under the WGP with other facilities under common ownership or operation in the York watershed.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Ray Jenkins; Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen Virginia 23060; Telephone: 804/527-5037; E-mail: rrjenkins@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804/527-5106. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.